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SUBJECT: UNEP OZONE MEETING

REF: NAIROBI 1052, BASTIAN-GLASOE TELECON

HEREWITH ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE POINTS RAISED IN REFERENCES:

WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO SEE THE AGENDA ORDER REVERSED AGAIN AND SUGGEST THAT UNEP STICK WITH THE EXISTING "COUNTRIES FIRST" SCENARIO.

CONCERNING QUESTION OF TRANSLATION OF AGENCY PAPERS, REGRET THAT WE HAVE NO FUNDS FOR THIS. FYI. COST OF TRANSLATING SIX 20-PAGE PAPERS INTO ONE RPT ONE LANGUAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BE OVER 3000 DOLLARS- END FYI. CONCERNING AMOUNT OF TRANSLATING WHICH CAN BE DONE IN ONE DAY, A ROUGH FIGURE IS 3000 WORDS, ALTHOUGH CHINESE TAKES LONGER THAN OTHERS.

APROPOS TRANSLATING, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF UNEP WERE ABLE TO HAVE ITS DRAFT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PAPER TRANSLATED AS FAR AS IT IS DEVELOPED BEFORE UNEP STAFF LEAVES NAIROBI FOR THE MEETING. IT WOULD SAVE

CONSIDERABLE SCARCE TIME WEEKEND MARCH 5/6 IF TRANSLATORS OF FINAL PAPER HAD, SO TO SPEAK, A RUNNING START.

THE U.S. WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN THE AREA OF RAPPORTEUR. WE WOULD PLAN PROVIDE ONE PERSON AND ANTICIPATE DOING IT BY MEANS OF A PERSON WORKING OUT OF THE SECRETARIAT, RATHER THAN A PERSON FROM THE OFFICIAL U.S. DELEGATION. ASSUME THIS IS AGREEABLE TO UNEP.

SPACE IS AVAILABLE FEB. 28 FOR UNEP PRE-MEETING WORK.

WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED WMO PAPER.

WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH UNEP USING "OUT OF DATE" DATA ON OZONE DEPLETION -- ALTHO IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY THIS IS NECESSARY -- ON ASSUMPTION THAT THEY WILL BE PROPERLY REFERENCED SO THAT SOURCE IS CLEAR.

CONCERNING PRODUCTION DATA FOR U.S. QUOTED IN REF TELECON, EPA ADVISES THAT CORRECT FIGURES FOR TOTAL 1975 SALES OF ALL PRODUCTS (INCLUDING NON-FLUOROCARBON ONES) IN THE CATEGORIES OF INTEREST ARE: AEROSOLS -- 2.6 BILLION DOLLARS; AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION -- 9.2 BILLION DOLLARS; FOAMS -- 1.5 BILLION DOLLARS.

FOR PURPOSES OF INTERPRETATION, WE DO NOT NEED COPIES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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OPENING STATEMENT UNTIL JUST BEFORE MEETING. HOWEVER, IN JANUARY 28 MEETING WITH NOEL BROWN (UNEP NEW YORK), IT WAS AGREED THAT 200 COPIES WOULD BE PROVIDED A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING TO PERMIT DISTRIBUTION TO DELEGATES AND PRESS REPRESENTATIVES. ALSO, THE STATEMENT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN ITS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE ONLY. (MORE ON THE SUBJECT OF PRESS IN A LATER TELEGRAM.)

DURING MEETING WITH NOEL BROWN, WE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF DETAILS CONCERNING THE AGENDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE PROMISED TO PRESS UNEP NAIROBI FOR AN ANNOTATED AGENDA. YOU MAY WISH TO FOLLOW THIS UP, SINCE IT IS AN IMPORTANT PRE-CONFERENCE DOCUMENT TO HAVE AVAILABLE.

NOEL BROWN ALSO PROMISED TO KEEP US AU COURANT CONCERNING ACCEPTANCES AS RECEIVED BY UNEP, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO YOU CAN DEVELOP AS FOLLOW UP TO NAIROBI 731. FOR UNEP'S INFO, HERE IS WHAT WE HAVE HEARD (RECOGNIZING THAT NO COUNTRY WAS ASKED TO INFORM THE U.S. DIRECTLY

ABOUT ITS INTENTIONS): VENEZUELA - NOT LIKELY; FRG - YES (3-4 PERSON DELEGATION); UK - YES; BRAZIL - UNCERTAIN; INDIA - INTERESTED, BUT UNCERTAIN; BELGIUM - YES; AUSTRIA - NEGATIVE; USSR - INFORMALLY, YES; FINLAND - UNCERTAIN; JAPAN - UNCERTAIN.

IF, AS WAS IMPLIED IN REFTELECON, MANY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES DO NOT APPEAR TO BE PLANNING TO PRESENT PAPERS, YOU MIGHT WISH TO SEE WHETHER UNEP WOULD CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE TO REMIND COUNTRIES OF THE EXPLICIT WORDS IN ITS ORIGINAL INVITATION CONCERNING PARTICIPANTS PROVIDING DETAILS OF A COUNTRY'S ONGOING ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS, ETC. VANCE

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